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General

1. The Zabrze Wschod coal mine is located about 3 km. southeast of the center of the town of Zabrze (5019N-1847E) in the settlement of Kolonja Zaborze on ul. Lompy. (See Annex.)

2. the mine was operated on a seven day week with three eight-hour shifts. Three coal beds were worked in the mine at 200, 365 and 800 meters under the surface, and about 3,000 miners were employed. 25X1 25X1 25X1

3. The mine was operated both on long face and by room and pillar method. 25X1 25X1

Machinery

4. Section No. 7 used only air operated hammer drills and shovels. There was no cutting machine. Section No. 15 used the same type of machinery. Section No. 19 used a coal cutting machine, air operated hammer drills, and shovels. the coal cutter and the drills were different from those used in the coal mine in There was no difficulty in obtaining repair parts. 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1

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5. [redacted] The blasting cartridges were about 12 cm. long, 2½ cm. in diameter and each weighed 100 gr. 25X1

Transport

6. The coal was moved from working face to mine shaft by conveyors and mining cars. The length of transport differed in each section. Section No. 7 used a coal face auxiliary conveying belt 300-350 m. long which transported the coal to the main conveyor. This conveyor was 50 to 60 m. long and ended at the main horizontal shaft where the mining cars were loaded. The distance from this point to the mine shaft was about two kilometers. The capacity of each mining car was about 750 kg. In Section No. 15, the auxiliary conveyor belt was about 200 m. long, the main conveyor about 50 m. long and the narrow-gauge railway line to the mine shaft 2½ to 3 km. long. In Section No. 19, the auxiliary conveyor belt was about 80 m. long, and the main conveyor about 80 m. long. The distance to the mine shaft was about four kilometers. The mine cars were driven by electric locomotives.

Surface

7. Upon reaching the surface, the mine cars were mechanically emptied into a combination of sieves which sized the coal. From these sieves, the coal was transported by conveyors to coal trucks. Cleaning the coal was done by women who removed stones while the coal was conveyed to the trucks. [redacted] 25X1
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Annex:

A. Pinpoint location of the coalmine Kopalnia Zabrze Wshod in Zabrze /5019N-1847E/

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Pinpoint location of coal mine Kopalnia Zabrze Wshod in Zabrze /5019N-1847E/ based on map Poland 1:100.000 sheet S-13 Sosnowiec